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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

SAKATA et al

International Appln. No.: PCT/JP2004/010651

Filed: Concurrently herewith

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For: METHOD FOR BREEDING AZALEA

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 30, 2006

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

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**Remarks are submitted on page 6.**